

# Find ways to end local bandit attacks, says MP

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CHIEF MUSIKAVANHU told Parliament yesterday that Manicaland chiefs appealed to the Government to find solutions to problems caused by MNR bandits operating in some parts of the country.

In his maiden speech, during debate on the Presidential address, he said the message from the chiefs was that the Government should find an amicable solution to the conflict in Mozambique.

"In Chipinge, at the general election, opposition parties created an atmosphere of frustration in the people, saying people in the area had no hope," he said.

Mpopoma Urban MP Cde E. Ncube called for an urgent solution to the unemployment problem and said that "pirate" (emergency taxis) should be controlled by local authorities.

Cde Ncube said "no" to freedom of worship when religious sects denied children education or treatment at clinics or hospitals.

"I say no to the bringing into the country of precious goods in coffins," he said.

In another maiden speech, Harare South MP Cde Smith Marara urged the Government to set up a commission of inquiry into housing, saying the State "should be sensitive in this area".

He said companies which assembled buses should be expanded, adding that there "were too many unfulfilled promises" regarding transport, and people were anxiously waiting for the Harare-Chitungwiza rail link.

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